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Antitrust Division  
Department of Justice  
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Dear Ms. Hesse,

Despite all the hoopla over the announcement that the Microsoft case had been settled, it is my understanding that it still has to be approved by a judge. I am writing as an avid user of Microsoft products and a supporter of the settlement. I oppose the efforts of the nine state attorneys general who want no part of the settlement preferring instead the complete dismantling of Microsoft.

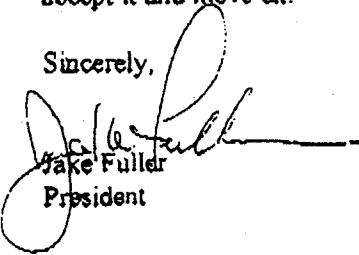
To his credit, Texas Attorney General John Cronyn wisely declined to drag our state into this technological boondoggle. In hindsight, Cornyn's decision could benefit Texas.

A quick look at the proposed settlement should make Texans anxious to move forward.

The settlement avoids long & costly litigation. It will restore healthy competition to the technology industry which is growing rapidly in Texas. Terms of the settlement will allow computer manufacturers flexibility with desktop configurations -- an unprecedented concession on proprietary materials. But perhaps most important of all, the consumer will have access to Microsoft's innovative products with the option to switch easily to other products.

What more can you possibly ask for? This settlement appears to be in everyone's best interest. It is time to accept it and move on.

Sincerely,

  
Jake Fuller  
President

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